

In the claims

1.-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A method comprising:

in response to a user requesting, via a user interface, to print information on a printing device,

displaying a print window in which the user is permitted to modify printing parameters controlling printing of the information on the printing device;

in response to a user selecting a button on the print window,

displaying a job schedule window in which the user is permitted to specify a later time and/or date at which a print job is transmitted to the printing device, the print job encompassing the information to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters;

in response to the user specifying the later time and/or date at which the print job is transmitted to the printing device,

scheduling transmission of the print job to the printing device at the later time and/or date; and,

at the later time and/or date, transmitting the print job to the printing device for printing of the information on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters.

22. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising the user modifying one or more of the printing parameters controlling printing of the information on the printing device, such that the print job is printed on the printing device at the later time and/or date in accordance with the printing parameters as modified by the user.

23. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the printing parameters specifiable by the user include identification of the printing device that is to print the information.
24. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the user requests, via the user interface, to print the information on the printing device by selecting a print menu item within a file menu of the user interface.
25. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the user selects the button on the print window by selecting a properties button.
26. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein displaying the job schedule window comprises displaying the job schedule window as including a “print now” option selectable by the user and a “print later” option selectable by the user, such that the user selecting the “print later” option enables the user to specify the later time and/or date at which the print job is transmitted to the printing device.
27. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the method is performed by a computing device communicatively connected to the printing device, such that the print job is stored at the computing device until the later time and/or date specified by the user, at which time and/or date the print job is transmitted to the printing device from the computing device.
28. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the print job comprises at least one of word processing data, spreadsheet data, graphical data, and database data.

29. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the printing device is one of a laser printer, an ink-jet printer, an impact printer, a solid-ink printer, and a multifunction device.

29. (new) A print scheduling system comprising:

a user interface operative on a user work station for displaying one or more windows in response to a user requesting to print information on a printing device, the windows permitting modification of printing parameters controlling printing of the information on the printing device, the windows further permitting the user to specify whether the information is to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters now or at a later time and/or date specifiable by the user; and,

a processor of the workstation that is programmed to initiate transmission of a print job from the user workstation to the printing device based on whether the user specified that the information is to be printed on the printing device now or at the later time and/or date, such that where the user has specified that the information is to be printed on the printing device at the later time and/or date, the print job is transmitted to the printing device at the later time and/or date, the print job encompassing the information to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters.

30. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 29, wherein the printing parameters specifiable by the user include identification of the printing device that is to print the information.

31. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 29, wherein the user interface displays the windows in response to the user requesting to print the information on the printing device by selecting a print menu item within a file menu of the user interface.

32. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 29, wherein the user interface displays a first window including a button selectable by the user, such that selection of the button by the user causes the user interface to display a second window in which the user is permitted to specify whether the information is to be printed now or at the later time and/or date.

33. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 29, wherein the print job comprises at least one of word processing data, spreadsheet data, graphical data, and database data.

34. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 29, wherein the printing device is one of a laser printer, an ink-jet printer, an impact printer, a solid-ink printer, and a multifunction device.

35. (new) A print scheduling system comprising:

means for displaying one or more windows in response to a user requesting to print information on a printing device, the windows permitting modification of printing parameters controlling printing of the information on the printing device, the windows further permitting the user to specify whether the information is to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters now or at a later time and/or date specifiable by the user; and,

means for initiating transmission of a print job to the printing device based on whether the user specified that the information is to be printed on the printing device now or at the later time and/or date, such that where the user has specified that the information is to be printed on the printing device at the later time and/or date, the print job is transmitted to the printing device at the later time and/or date, the print job encompassing the information to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters.

36. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 35, wherein a first window including a button selectable by the user is displayed by the means for displaying, such that selection of the button by

the user causes the means for displaying to display a second window in which the user is permitted to specify whether the information is to be printed now or at the later time and/or date.

37. (new) The print scheduling system of claim 35, wherein the printing device is one of a laser printer, an ink-jet printer, an impact printer, a solid-ink printer, and a multifunction device.

38. (new) A computer readable medium having a computer program stored thereon to perform a method comprising:

in response to a user requesting, via a user interface, to print information on a printing device,

displaying a print window in which the user is permitted to modify printing parameters controlling printing of the information on the printing device;

in response to a user selecting a button on the print window,

displaying a job schedule window in which the user is permitted to specify a later time and/or date at which a print job is transmitted to the printing device, the print job encompassing the information to be printed on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters;

in response to the user specifying the later time and/or date at which the print job is transmitted to the printing device,

scheduling transmission of the print job to the printing device at the later time and/or date; and,

at the later time and/or date, transmitting the print job to the printing device for printing of the information on the printing device in accordance with the printing parameters.

39. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 38, wherein displaying the job schedule window comprises displaying the job schedule window as including a “print now” option selectable by the user and a “print later” option selectable by the user, such that the user selecting the “print later” option enables the user to specify the later time and/or date at which the print job is transmitted to the printing device.
40. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 38, wherein the method is performed by the computer program as executed on a computing device communicatively connected to the printing device, such that the print job is stored at the computing device until the later time and/or date specified by the user, at which time and/or date the print job is transmitted to the printing device from the computing device.